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For: USE OF LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT AMINO
ALCOHOLS IN OPHTHALMIC COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to formal examination of the above-identified continuation application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On the first page of the Application, please add the following identification of
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-- The present application is a continuation of a 371 application, Serial No. 09/308,456 filed May 14, 1999, which claims benefits to PCT/US97/20826 filed November 17, 1997, which claims benefits to Provisional Application No. 60/033,079, filed December 13, 1996. ----

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-12 and substitute therefor the following new claims:

- 13. A sterile, multi-dose ophthalmic composition comprising 0.1 to 2.0% w/v of an amino alcohol having a molecular weight of 60 to 200 and water.
- 14. A composition according to claim 13, wherein the amino alcohol is AMP-95.
- 15. A composition according to claim 14, wherein the concentration of AMP-95 is 0.1 to 1.0% w/v.
- 16. A composition according to claim 13, wherein the composition is utilized as an ocular lubricant.
- 17. A composition according to claim 13, wherein the composition is utilized as an artificial tear.
- 18. A composition according to claim 13, wherein the composition is utilized in the treatment of contact lenses.

19. A composition according to claim 18, wherein the composition is utilized in the cleaning of contact lenses.
20. A composition according to claim 18, wherein the composition is utilized to disinfect contact lenses.
21. A composition according to any one of claims 13-20, wherein the composition further comprises a borate/polyol buffer system.
22. A composition for treating contact lenses, comprising:
 - 0.1 to 2.0% w/v of an amino alcohol having a molecular weight of 60 to 200;
 - an antimicrobial agent in an amount effective to disinfect a contact lens;
 - a borate/polyol buffer system, said buffer system containing one or more borates in an amount of 0.01 to 2.0% w/v and one or more polyols in an amount of 0.01 to 5.0% w/v; and
 - water
23. A composition according to claim 22, wherein the antimicrobial agent comprises polyquaternium-1.
24. A composition according to claim 23, wherein the composition further comprises 0.00005 to 0.01% w/v of an alkylamine.

25. A composition according to claim 24, wherein the alkylamine is an amidoamine.
26. A composition according to claim 25, wherein the amidoamine is MAPDA.
27. A sterile ophthalmic composition useful as an ocular lubricant or artificial tear, comprising:
- 0.1 to 2.0% w/v of an amino alcohol having a molecular weight of 60 to 200;
- a borate/polyol buffer system, said buffer system containing one or more borates in an amount of 0.01 to 2.0% w/v and one or more polyols in an amount of 0.01 to 5.0% w/v; and
- water
28. An artificial tear composition according to claim 27, wherein the amino alcohol is AMP-95.

REMARKS

The claims pending in the application following entry of the foregoing amendments will be claims 13-28. Originally filed claims 1-12 have been cancelled above.

The first page of the application has been amended to include a paragraph identifying the parent application and other related applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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